

REMARKS

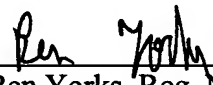
The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-6, and 8-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fiorvanti. The Examiner has indicated that claims 2 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 7, respectively. Additionally, claim 11 has been amended to recite pulling a vacuum with a pump, which the Applicant believes is allowable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, and 15-16 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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